

The *Sixth Edition* of the *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* is effective for injuries which occur on or after January 1, 2008. Please see TCA, Section 50-6-204.

The edition of the *AMA Guides* that is effect on the date the employee is injured is the edition that shall be applicable to the claim. Please see TCA, Section 50-6-102.

New Guidance on Pain Ratings

FOR DATES OF INJURY (DOI) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2014, THE NEW REQUIREMENT:

“...shall not consider complaints of pain in calculating the degree of impairment, notwithstanding allowances for pain provided by the applicable edition of the AMA Guides™...” T.C.A. §50-6-204

THIS REQUIREMENT CHANGES THE WAY THAT SOME PARTS OF THE 6th Edition of the *AMA GUIDES*™ SHOULD BE UTILIZED. CLICK [here](#) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.